

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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17. (Amended) A computer including an acoustic management system, the computer comprising:
a processor for executing instructions;
a subsystem having more than one operational levels;
means for receiving from a user instructions regarding a selected acoustic level; and
means for adjusting an operational level of the subsystem to achieve the selected acoustic level.

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19. (Amended) The computer of claim 17 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of the subsystem of the computer comprises means for adjusting a seek time of a hard disk drive of the computer.

20. (Amended) The computer of claim 17 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of the subsystem of the computer comprises means for adjusting the speed of an internal fan.

21. (Amended) The computer of claim 20 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of the subsystem of the computer comprises means for making corresponding adjustments to overall operation of a portion of the computer to

maintain a heat production level of the computer at a level that can be managed by the internal fan operating at the adjusted speed.

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22. (Amended) The computer of claim 17 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of the subsystem of the computer comprises a power management system of the computer.
23. (Amended) The computer of claim 17 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of the subsystem of the computer comprises means for adjusting a speed of a peripheral bus, with corresponding adjustments to a speed of the at least one peripheral device connected to the peripheral bus.
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25. (Amended) A computer program product, comprising:
a computer program processable by a computer system for causing the computer system to:
receive from a user instructions regarding a selected acoustic level via an interface;
adjust an operational level of a subsystem of the computer to achieve the selected acoustic level; and
apparatus from which the computer program is accessible by the computer system.
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28. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 25 wherein the adjusting an operational level of the subsystem of the computer comprises an action selected from a group consisting of adjusting a seek time of a hard disk drive of the computer, adjusting the speed of an internal fan, using redefined power management levels of the computer, and adjusting a speed of a peripheral bus,

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with corresponding adjustments to a speed of a peripheral device connected to the peripheral bus.
